

**WILLIAM G. ENLOE MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL  
ENLOE EAGLES ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB**

October 29, 2021

WCPSS Board of Education Members:

I am the President of the EEABC, the athletic booster organization at William G. Enloe Magnet High School. In that capacity, the EEABC strongly recommends and requests that the new Enloe Track & Field Facility be named after Richard Leo Barfield, Jr, a proud graduate of Enloe, a WCPSS teacher of 30 years, a football and track & field coach at Enloe and community philanthropist with a heart to serve.

Richard was the Athletic Director at Durant Road Middle School for 20 years and he coached student athletes at Enloe and other WCPSS schools for thirty years until he retired. Richard spent every moment he could giving back to WCPSS schools with a deep love for Enloe. During Richard's time at Enloe he served as:

- 1996-2000 William G. Enloe High School, Asst, Track/Football
- 2001-2002 William G. Enloe High School, Asst, Track /Football
- 2006-2008 William G. Enloe High School, Head Women's Track Coach
- 2008-2012 William G. Enloe High School, Asst, Football
- 2009 William G. Enloe High School - 2nd place Cap 7 Conference Championship

Richard's contribution to the greater Wake County community during his lifetime shows his love of young people and his commitment to making a positive impact in any way he could. There is not enough room to list all of the places where he made an impact:

- 1987-2015 Helping Hands Mentor Program
- Volunteer at Springfield Baptist Church: Summer Camp Workshop
- Volunteer at Young Missionary Temple-At-risk Youth Program
- Community Food Drive: Volunteer for "Stopping Hunger One Family at a Time"
- Contributed to at-risk youth activity program development
- Provided education to families as needed regarding local and state government resource options
- Developed and implemented individual family care plans
- Substance Abuse Volunteer/Homeless Shelters volunteer
- Volunteer at local convalescent homes-Second and fourth Sundays and Thursday night family day
- Assisted with community center clerical and organizational duties as necessary.
- Adopt-A-Highway: Local highway cleanup/recycling (Raleigh/Garner area)
- "I Got You" Program-End of Grade Testing Workshop for elementary and middle school aged students

Richard was an unqualified success as a coach and athletic director because he believed and acted upon the idea that sportsmanship and positive values are the true benefits of athletic competition, whether one wins or loses.

It was with this philosophy that Richard laid the groundwork for the excellence of teams and dedication of student athletes which continues to this day at Enloe and other schools where he served.

There is no more fitting a tribute to a teacher and coach who gave so much of himself to the school, its students and the wider community than to name Enloe's Track and Field Facility in his honor.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

*Melanie Ferlito*

President  
Enloe Eagle Athletic Booster Club